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The Trial of Ex-Alderman McQuade Brings Out Some Rich Developments.

Alderman Fullgraff Makes a Clean Breast of the Crooked Transactions and of His Own Perjury.

The Business Reputation of a Life-Time Destroyed in One Hour—Affecting Scenes in Court.

New York, Nov. 20.—Charles B. White resumed the witness stand in Recorder Smith's court where the trial of ex-Alderman McQuade is in progress. He said that at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in May, 1884, he was present. It was agreed among them that it was necessary for a majority of the board to make a statement of the business transactions of the Board of Aldermen, which might come before the board.

Another meeting was held a week after the first one, and the same was held a week after the second one. The meeting was held in May, before the passage of the Broadway railroad bill. There were thirteen members of the board present, including defendant, McQuade, Kinney, Sayre, Walte, McQuade, Duffy, and three others. It was agreed to vote together on any thing of a business nature. "Thirteen was a majority of the board," Nothing was said about the Broadway railroad.

The next meeting of the thirteen was at McQuade's house. McQuade was chairman. The first business discussed was the Broadway franchise. It was stated that two other companies had applied for the franchise. It was stated that one company, the cable road, had offered \$100,000 for the franchise—equal cash and one-half bonds. The Broadway surface road had offered \$500,000 cash for the franchise. Witness thought because said it was not to be given to the cable company's offer because the company was not reliable; that it would be better to give it to the Broadway surface road and for \$500,000 cash. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously decided to give it to the Broadway surface road. \$200,000 was to be given each member.

There was another meeting at McQuade's house. The question came up at that meeting who should be appointed to receive and distribute the money. McQuade suggested McQuade, as he was next to the business. Duffy proposed Keenan. Some one thought McQuade could not be trusted with so much money, and Keenan was unanimously agreed upon.

Continuing, witness said that some one said that Keenan would like them to let him know what he was all right. It was decided that McQuade should get the other necessary votes in order that the resolution might be passed over the veto.

There was yet another meeting of the thirteen at McQuade's house in relation to the subject of overriding the mayor's veto, at which most of the talking was done by James and DeLacy. The majority of them, however, talked on the subject. It was stated that more votes would have to be obtained to pass the resolution over the mayor's veto, that money would be required for that purpose, and accordingly it was resolved that each member of the thirteen should receive \$200,000 instead of \$250,000, as previously arranged.

The witness then told of the meeting at which the signing of the call for the special meeting. After meeting McQuade he went to Twomey's office, from whence he proceeded at half past nine o'clock to the City Hall, where the special meeting of the Common Council was being held.

Fullgraff's evidence caused a great sensation in the court. The cross-examination of Fullgraff at one o'clock. Counsel read some of the witness' testimony before the Senate investigation committee, which was to acknowledge that he had before that committee deliberately and knowingly committed perjury.

McQuade, continuing the cross-examination of Fullgraff, asked: "Do you remember being called as a witness before the Senate committee?"

"Yes, I do."

"When you sworn there?"

"Yes."

"Why is it that you affirm to-day, then?"

"I think you misunderstood my question."

"The witness did not reply at once. He bowed his head in his hands and tears fell from his eyes. He seemed about to faint from his chair and one of the court attendants rushed forward to save him."

"Why don't you answer my question?"

"I think you misunderstood my question."

"I have," replied Fullgraff.

"Would you deliberately commit perjury?"

"I would not, sir."

"Would you commit perjury to benefit your family or yourself?"

"I would not."

"Would you commit perjury to injure any human being?"

"No, sir."

"You remember that the Senate appointed a committee to investigate the alleged irregularities of the aldermen, did you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Were you examined before the committee?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you remember the answers you gave them, do you not?"

"Yes, sir."

"Were those answers true?"

Fullgraff looked scared. He gazed at the jurymen, and then, in a pleading way, at Mr. McQuade and his assistants, as if asking them to help him out, but they were perfectly quiet. Then, in a tremulous voice, he said:

"Do you know when the application for the franchise was first made to the Board of Aldermen?"

"I will read to you some of the questions put to me and the answers you gave to that committee."

Fullgraff looked as though he would like to disappear through the floor, and McQuade looked at him with a grimace.

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Quade listened intently with his eyes bent on Mr. Newcomb. That gentleman then read a question which asked if Fullgraff knew of any meetings that had been held by the members of the Board of Aldermen outside the aldermanic chamber on those occasions. Fullgraff said he did not know of any.

"Do you recollect that answer?"

"I recollect the subject of it."

"That is what I mean: was it true then?"

"It may have been from what I know then."

"Is it true from what you know to-day?"

"No."

"Then you committed deliberate perjury before that committee. Here is another question: 'Where else besides in the ante-room of the aldermanic chamber did you have any meetings?' and the answer is 'I don't recollect any.' Is that true?"

"I don't recollect."

"Is it true or false?"

"Also."

"And you knew it to be false when you gave it?"

"Yes."

"Do you remember McQuade describing the subject of the meeting when you signed the call?"

"No, sir."

"Do you mean to say that McQuade called on you at ten o'clock at night and asked you to sign a call, and you did not know what the meeting was for?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did he say it was to vote on the Broadway franchise?"

"I don't think so."

"Did you ask him the object of the meeting?"

"I think I did and he said it was a necessary meeting, and I'd find out what for when I got there."

"Did you not know the real object of the meeting until you got there on the morning of August 30?"

"I think not."

"To the Senate committee Mr. Fullgraff had stated that he had heard rumors of bribery, but he could never have any foundation for them."

"Do you admit that you made that statement then?" asked Mr. Newcomb.

"I do admit it."

"You were not telling the truth then."

"I don't know."

"You were a liar, then?"

"I object," shouted Mr. Nicol. "Counsel has no right to address a witness in such language."

"He has a right to show that witness committed perjury if he can," said Recorder Smith.

"Well, I'll ask him if he committed perjury, then," said Mr. Newcomb.

"I suppose I did," answered Fullgraff.

Mr. Newcomb then read questions concerning in Fullgraff's testimony before the Senate committee concerning the Cable Company, which is alleged to have offered money for the road. Mr. Fullgraff stated that he had heard rumors of bribery, but he could never have any foundation for them because the Cable Company only offered \$100,000.

"Was that true?"

"Yes, sir, with the exception that an indictment was offered."

Recorder Smith—You mean the \$200,000?

"Yes," replied Mr. Fullgraff.

Mr. Newcomb (still questioning)—"Did you hear where the bottle was being distributed?"

"You answered 'I know nothing about the bottle, therefore I do not know where it was distributed.' You acknowledged it was wrong?"

"I do."

"You recollect that fact that the oath was administered, and yet you gave that answer?"

"I did, sir."

"You recollect that when you gave that answer you were under oath?"

"I do not recollect any such scene."

"At the time you gave the answer you knew that it was not in accordance with the truth?"

"Yes, sir, I did."

The next question read was concerning Fullgraff's character and how Fullgraff swore the aldermen

